

FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION  
455 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20054

RE: BANNING THE USE OF CELL PHONES ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS

I AM OPPOSED TO THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. I FIND IT ANNOYING AT THE LEAST, BUT WHO REALLY WANTS TO LISTEN TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO JUST "YAMMY YAMMY" ABOUT TOTALLY NOTHING.

I DO HAVE A CHOICE OF IN-FLIGHT MOVIES/OR MUSIC - IF I CHOOSE TO LISTEN. BUT THERE IS NO CHOICE IF ALLOWING CONVERSATIONS THAT FOR THE MOST PART ARE USUALLY RIDICULOUS AND UNNECESSARY.

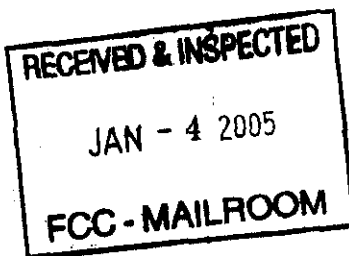
PLEASE GIVE US (THAT OPPOSED THE USE OF CELL PHONES) QUIET TIME AND FOR THE CELL PHONE USERS A "TIME OUT".

THANK YOU.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am vigorously opposed to lifting the ban on cell phones on airlines. I am completely bombarded with inane conversations in the supermarket, on buses, trains and even on the street.

We don't need more needless noise in the air.

Sincerely,

Lydia S. Briscoe

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We are frequent flyers and  
want to have you or any of the airlines  
to allow cell phone usage during flight.

Totally Against It

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## Ringling in the Ears

Federal regulators may soon allow cellphone use on airplanes in flight. When it happens, don't be surprised if the flock in earplugs suddenly grows.

The high-powered, and irritating electronic device will be used by passengers, a seatmate's annoying calls will not be immediately. At this point, most cellphones cannot work very well in a metal tube at 35,000 feet. And the experts must figure out whether cellphones are safe in the air and will not interfere with cockpit controls. But those problems will undoubtedly be overcome, especially if the cellphone industry and the airlines decide people should not have to do without their handy mobiles for an entire two or three hours — not to mention the hefty fees they are certain to charge.

There is still time for the downtrodden travelers of the world to arise. Frequent fliers should make themselves heard now before a seatmate's phone starts chirping Beethoven's Ninth.

The airlines should start thinking about what they are going to do with cellphone abusers. People with these gadgets attached to their ears can be deaf to appeals for good manners. Perhaps chronic cellphone users could be seated next to the mewling babies or the lonely insurance salesmen, thereby concentrating the most irritating sounds in one section of the plane. Or cellphone use could be restricted to data transmissions — like retrieving e-mail or going on the Web. At the very least, all phones should be required to stay on vibrate.

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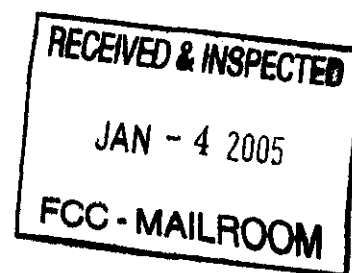
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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Powell: RE: Cell Phones on Planes & Indecency on Radio & TV

When the very annoying, noisy, intrusive, pesky, vexing, etc. call phone calls are so constant here on the ground, we can, at times, remove ourselves from that location. However, sir, what can one do on an airplane. STEP OUT????

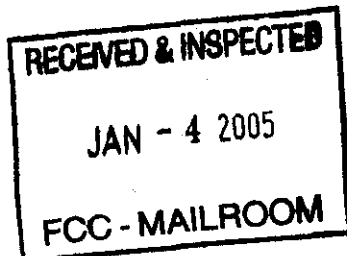
In order to appease the irksome people who care nothing for how they disadvantageously affect others, kindly take the mature step and ban all cell phone use on airplanes. Being considerate of the vast majority of people is your job.

Regarding indecency on radio and television, your gut feeling tells you what indecency is. You don't need a team of lawyers to spell it out and activist judges to allow such filth to continue. It is time to clean up "our" airwaves.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sen. Jon Kyl  
Sen. John McCain  
Rep. Jim Kolbe



December 26, 2004

Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners

The purpose of this letter is to request that cell phone use continue to be prohibited during airline flights.

This is a significant issue of personal comfort for airline passengers. Everyone has experienced the intrusive nature of cell phone use in public places. Cell phone use is being increasingly discouraged in restaurants, churches, concert venues and classrooms. There is no reason to expect that cell phone users who interrupt musical presentations, speeches – even sermons – would be any more considerate of others aboard an airplane. Experience indicates that “cell-phone etiquette” is an oxymoron.

The close confines of an airplane definitely are not compatible with multiple cell phone conversations. Particularly since cell phone users generally speak much louder than is necessary. If cell phone use is intrusive in the relatively open space of a park, store or sidewalk, it would be unbearable if conducted by someone with whom you are literally rubbing shoulders!

In addition to the courtesy and comfort considerations, I believe there are important safety issues surrounding the use of cell phones aboard commercial airliners.

First, it would be very difficult for airline personnel to get the attention of cell phone users so that safety information or warnings could be communicated.

Secondly, if a number of people were using cell phones, the other (non-calling) passengers could not hear airline personnel announcements.

Third, the use of cell phones during flight would facilitate communication between the perpetrators of a terrorist attack and their accomplices on the ground or aboard other planes. This ability to coordinate activities would be a huge advantage to a terrorist group.

Finally, given the numerous complications of air travel today, the traveling public tends to be edgy and tense. The added annoyance of in-flight cell phone use will exacerbate the tension and could lead to altercations among passengers or between passengers and airline personnel. It is unreasonable to assign airline personnel the added burden of policing cell phone behavior and mediating between the cell phone users and the rest of the passengers.

By the way, I own and use a cell phone for business and personal reasons.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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December 21, 2004

Dear FCC,

I understand you are soliciting comments on the use of cell phones on airplanes. I am a frequent flyer that has reached Platinum level for the past 5 years on Delta Airlines and have almost 3 million miles total flying in the past 20 years.

I would like to strongly urge you **not to allow the use of cell phones on aircraft.**

Even with its limited use today on the aircraft, it is an extreme annoyance. Most folks have no courtesy for the other folks around them and will talk in a loud voice that carries to several rows in front of them. I have been in the first class cabin many times where several passengers are trying to carry on a conversation at the same time on their cell phones and I easily got a headache from the volume of noise in the small cabin. It also makes it very difficult to concentrate and accomplish the work I normally try to get done while flying.

I have witnessed arguments between passengers when one passenger has asked another to tone down his voice because it was too loud and the other passenger got belligerent in response. I do not want to imagine the situation where tired passengers tried to sleep on an airplane during the flight while other passengers are carrying on loud conversations a few feet or less distance away. In my opinion allowing the use of cell phones in the cramped space of an airplane with about 20 passengers within 3-4 rows of the cell phone user will result in more angry and disturbed passengers, a situation we clearly do not need in our airplanes today.

It amazes me how polite most people are when carrying on a normal conversation with their passenger sitting next to them but will raise the volume of their voice and ignore the passengers around them when talking on a cell phone. Also I believe a majority of passengers will use a cell phone during flight as it continues to amaze me how many people will immediately use their cell phone as soon as the plane lands or will talk on their cell phone until ordered to stop using it before take-off. Especially as the number of unlimited use cell phone plans are getting cheaper.

I hope you take my comments into consideration and do not allow the use of cell phones when aircraft are airborne.

Sincerely,



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